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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 1, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

Applicants request that the amendments and remarks that follow be considered and that the rejections made in the Office action be withdrawn.

Applicants submit herewith a check to cover the required fees. Applicants believe the check covers all required fees; however, if any fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In response to the Office action of September 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.